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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, using a marked-up version of the Specification and also a clean copy of such, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification (Clean Copy)

On page 4, please replace the fourth and fifth full paragraphs with the following:

Figure 2 is an outline diagram showing schematically the local fatigue resistance test in the present invention.

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Figure 3 is an outline diagram showing the form of the fingernail-shaped portion in the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 20 and 21 with the following:

After casting the aforesaid DMF solution of the polyurethane onto a glass plate to a thickness of 1 mm, the glass plate is immersed in water to prepare a wet-cast film. Next, this wet-cast film is thoroughly washed and dried, after which dyeing is carried out for 45

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